

SENATE BILL 3816

By Yager

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 119 of the Private Acts of 2002; and any other acts amendatory thereto, to divide Lake County into school districts, and to provide for the number, election and terms of members of the Lake County Board of Education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 119 of the Private Acts of 2002, and any other acts amendatory thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Lake County shall be divided into three (3) school districts of substantially equal population, which shall be coextensive with the three (3) county commissioner districts established by resolution of the county legislative body of Lake County from time to time.

SECTION 3. The Lake County Board of Education shall consist of nine (9) members; Three (3) members of the Lake County Board of Education shall be elected by the qualified voters in each school district. Board members shall be elected to staggered four (4) year terms so that every two (2) years the terms of approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the members of the Board shall expire. Persons elected in the regular August elections shall take office on September 1 following the election and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. The current term of incumbent members of the Lake County Board of Education shall not be cut short as a result of changes in school districts as provided in this act. In order to establish staggered terms and to increase the number of board members from eight (8) to nine (9), board members shall be elected to four (4) year terms as follows: At the August 2012 election, two (2) board members shall be elected from District 1, two (2) board members shall be elected from District 2, and one (1) board member shall be elected from District 3. At the August 2014 election, one (1) board member shall be elected from District one, one (1) board member shall be elected from District 2, and two (2) board members shall be elected from

District 3. Thereafter, board members shall be elected to four (4) year terms as each respective board member's term expires.

SECTION 5. The Lake County Board of Education shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and qualifications as other county boards of education established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Lake County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 7.